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ILLEGAL EXPORT OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of illegal export of iron ore there has been a constant increase in the prices of steel and its production has also gone down during the recent past;

(b) if so, the percentage of illegal export and the percentage of shortage in the domestic market;

(c) whether the Government proposes to withdraw concession on iron ore to such manufacturers who are ignoring domestic demand and exporting their products;

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for the same;

(e) whether such dual policy for steel sector will enable the Government to achieve its 10 crore tons production target by 2010; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the targets and to check the illegal export of iron ore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir, there is no concession specific to iron ore export.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no such dual policy.

(f) Government is in the process of formulating a National Steel Policy which envisages a production of over 100 million tonnes of steel by 2020. The proposed National Steel Policy outlines the roadmap for achieving the said target. The provisions of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act,1992 are applicable also to export of iron ore.